

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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FROM: [REDACTED]
SECOM Staff

SUBJECT: Computer Security Subcommittee Meeting, 8 November 1979

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1. I represented the SECOM staff at subject meeting, [REDACTED] chaired by [REDACTED] 25X1A
Copies of the minutes of the 2 October subcommittee meeting were distributed (copy attached). They were used by [REDACTED] as a primary agenda for this meeting.

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2. [REDACTED] asked me if APEX had been approved. I said it had been in concept with some administrative matters yet to be resolved between the DCI and SECDEF. He asked me about APEX's applicability to COMINT. I said it provided that COMINT would not be decompartmented without Defense concurrence.

3. I reminded [REDACTED] of the January deadline for submission of an annual report for the subcommittee and of the forthcoming SECOM meeting scheduled for 28 November. 25X1A

4. Members discussed EEIs being developed by the subcommittee to seek information on computer security threats. They also discussed file systems (e.g., DIAOLS) and search methodologies bearing on the identification of data pertinent to their EEIs.

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5. [redacted] said he hoped to get the NSA personnel office to contract with [redacted] (apparently an NSA retiree with expertise in computer security) to help them revise DCID 1/16. The DIA representative suggested that member agencies submit change proposals for review and use by the rewrite team. [redacted] asked for such by 15 December. 25X1A

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6. [redacted] said he hoped it would become possible for one Community agency to accept a satisfactory industrial security inspection finding by another agency (vice duplicate inspections) when both have classified contracts with the same firm. He asked me to bring this to [redacted] attention for any bearing it might have on revision of the 1973 USIB physical security standards. 25X1A

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7. The Army member distributed and discussed a memorandum (copy attached) on the security of word processing systems.

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8. [redacted] referred to the second draft of DCID 1/11 which does not include his earlier suggestion that the subcommittee's functions be expanded to include information "communicated" by computer. He said he feels strongly that this is needed, since he considers security standards for computer communication of classified data to be less stringent than for processing or storing the same or similar data in computers. [redacted] said he planned to state his case at the 28 November SECOM meeting. [redacted] suggested the possibility of DCI standards for security protection of SCI in all computer environments, including communications. 25X1A 25X1A

9. The next subcommittee meeting was scheduled for 0930, 6 December, at the [redacted] 25X1A

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Attachments

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